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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND ZONING VAHIANCE - SE/S York Road and Talbott Avenue (3 Talbott Avenue) 8th Election District 2nd Councilmanic District

Lepczyk Family Trust

Petitioner

ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Case No. 88-250-SPHA

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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The Petitioner herein requests a special hearing to approve an amendment to Case No. 86-34-X to eliminate Restriction No. 3; and additionally, a variance to permit a freestanding, illuminated, double-faced sign of 58 sq.ft., in lieu of the maximum permitted 8 sq.ft., non-illuminated sign attached to a building; as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 3.

The Petitioner, by W. Robert Lepczyk, appeared, testified and was represented by Newton A. Williams, Esquire. There were no Protestants.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, in the opinion of the Zoning Commissioner, it is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the relief requested in the special hearing and the variance were not granted. It has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. addition, the variance requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare.

The Petitioner has requested an amendment to zoning Case No. 86-34-X and therefore had the burden of adducing testimony and evidence which would snow that the proposed use met the prescribed standards and requirements set forth in Section 502.1. In fact, the Petitioner has shown that the proposed use would be

See 86-34-7

88-250-SPHA CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Date of Posting December 30, 1987

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conducted without real detriment to the neighborhood and would not actually adversely affect the public interest. The facts and circumstances of the use proposed by the Petitioner do not show to the proposed use at the particular location described by Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 3 would have any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a special exception use irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A.2d 1319 (3981).

The proposed use will rot be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the locality, nor tend to create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys therein, nor be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification. nor in any other way be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the special hearing and variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 4th day of February, 1988 that Case No. 86-34-X be amended to eliminate Restriction No. 3, only; and further, that a variance to permit a freestanding, illuminated, double-faced sign of 58 sq.ft., in lieu of the maximum permitted 8, sq.ft., non-illuminated sign attached to a building; in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 3, be approved, and as such, the Petitions for Special aring and Zoning Variance are hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the followrestrictions:

> The Petitioner may apply for his permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the applicable appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> > DESCRIPTION TO ACCOMPANY SIGN VARIANCE PETITION

A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY OF

YORK-TALBOTT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP 3 TALBOTT AVENUE

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at the corner formed by the inter-

section of the east side of the York Road with the south side of

York Road South 12 degrees 04 minutes East 50.44 feet to a point,

thence running the following two courses (1) North 85 degrees 31 minutes East 16.00 feet, (2) North 04 degrees 29 minutes West

50.00 feet, to a point on the South side of Talbott Avenue, and

thence binding on the South side of Talbott Avenue South 85

Containing 0.022 Of an acre of land, more or less.

degrees 31 minutes West 22.66 feet to the place of beginning.

SAVING AND EXCEPTING therefrom, however, such portions

thereof which by deed dated February 27, 1974, and recorded among

the Land Records of Bultimore County in Liber E.H.K.Jr. No. 5438, folio 618, were granted and conveyed by Jean A. Kavanagh and Ruth

A. Kavanagh unto the State of Maryland, to the use of the State

1985, and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in

Kavanagh and Ruth A. Kavanagh, his wife, to York-Talbott Limited

BEING part of the same property which by deed dated June 14,

Highway Administration of the Department of Transportation.

Liber 6935, folio 804, was granted and conveyed by Jean A.

Partnership, a Maryland Limited Partnership, in fee simple.

Talbott Avenue as laid out on the plat of Wayside and recorded

among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book No. 8, folio 66, and running thence and binding on the east side of the 2) The Petitioner is permanently barred from any further variance to Section 203.3C and is restricted to the size and design as depicted in Petitioner's Exhibit 3.

Baltimore County

Newton A. Williams, Esquire Molan, Plumhofi & Williams 204 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Zoning Variance SE/S York Road and Talbott Avenue (3 Talbott Lvenue) 8th Election District; 2nd Councilmanic District Lepczyk Family Trust - Petitioner Case No. 88-250-SPH4

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered on the above-referenced case. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Coming Variance have been Granted, subject to the restrictions noted in the attached Order.

February 9, 1988

In the event the decision randered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact this office.

> Very truly yours. J. ROBERT HAINES

Zoning Commissioner

of Baltimore County

JkHibjs Enclosures

CC: reople's Counsel

PETITION FOR ZONING ANCE + SPECIAL BEARING TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section 203.3 C to permit a free standing, double faced sign of 58 square feet, in lieu of a building mounted sign of 8 square feet in an Also a special hearing to climinate restriction No. 3 in soning case 86-34-Y. of the Zoning Regulations of Baitimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) 1. That the subject property is located directly on a busy stretch of York Road which includes a number of commercial properties with signs, as well as some sign variances as to square footage already granted, particularly on large office buildings. 2. That the requested sign is a tasteful design, and will meld well with the uses along York Road, and will inform the public or the location of Maryland Communications, Inc. 3. That without the requested variance, the petitioners will sustain practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship, and the requested variance is in (see attached) \*\* Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/wenATE 4/1/3/are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petidon. MARYLAND COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Berniel Levezyp. Tm. 3 Talbott Street Bernice Lepczyk & Lepczyk Farily Trusty 4, 360 Timonium, Maryland 21093 f by and State Attorney for Petitioner: Newton A. Williams Nolan, Plumboff & Williams, Chartered 3 Talbott Avenue, 561-8255 Timonium, Maryland 21093 204 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted Towson, Maryland 21204 Newton A. Williams, Esquire City and State Attorney's Telephone No.: 823-7800 204 West Pennsylvania Ave. 823-7800 Address
Towson, ND 21204

ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this

of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, inat property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, in Room 190, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore oning Commissioner of Baltimore County

> RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING PETITION FOR VARIANCE SE Corner York R4. & Talbott OF BAUTIMORE COUNTY Ave. (3 Talbott Ave.)

8th Election District LEPCZYK FAMILY TRUST, Petitioner

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notices should be sent of any bearing dates or other proceedings in this motter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

> Phyllis Cole Friedman People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zimmerman Deputy People's Counsel Room 223, Court Rouse

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 1st day of December, 1987, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Newton A. Williams, Esquire, Nolan, Flumboff & Williams, Chartered, 274 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, MD 112%. Attoriev for letitioner.

: Case No. 88-250-SPHA 11:1:::

: BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER

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The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified below in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland as follows: Case number: 86-SPHA

SE/C York Road & Talbott Avenue (3 Talbott Avenue)

Sth Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District

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DATE/TDE: Priday, January 22, 1988 Zoning Variance to permit a free standing, doubled faced mign of 58 square feet, in lieu of a non-illumited building mounted mign of 8 square feet in an R. O. zone, with illumination. Special Pearing to eliminate restriction No. 3 in maing care 86-34-X. In the event that this Petition is granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the issuance of said permit during this period for good cause shown. Such request must be in writing and received in this office by the date of the hearing set above or presented at the hearing. BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION
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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zaning
Towson, Maryland 21214 494-3753 J. Robert Haines Sering Commissioner November 23, 1987 Newton A. Williams, Eag. Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams, Chartered 204 V. Pennsyviania Avenue Townon, Maryland 21204 Re: Case number: 68-SPHA SE/C York Road & Telbott Avenue (3 Telbott Avenue) 8th Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District Filtioners Lapasyk Family Trust Door Mr. Villians! Please be advised that 68.16 is due for advertising and posting of the above-referenced property. All advertising and posting fees must be paid prior to the hearing. Do not remove the sign from the property from the time it is posted by this office until the day of the hearing itself. THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN AND POST RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE CROER SHALL NOT BE ISSUED Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland and forward to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, Room 113, Towson, Maryland 21204.

cct Na. Bernice Lepczyk -

494-4500 Paul H. Keinche September 22, 1987 J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towsun, MD 21204 Rei Property Owner: Lepczyk Family Trust Location: SE/C York Road, and Talbott Road Item No.: 99 Zoning Agenda: Meeting of 9/22/87 Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below marked with an "X" are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property. ( ) 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals or \_\_\_\_ feet along an approved road in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Lipartment of Public Forks. ( ) 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site. ( ) 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at EXCERDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department. ( ) 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation. (x) 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code," 1976 edition prior to occupancy. ( ) 6. Site plans are approved, as drawn. 1) 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

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Towson, Maryland 21204-2586

Fire Department

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION Dec 31, 1987 THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFER ONIAN, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., appearing on Dec 31, 1987 THE JEFFERSONIAN, Gusan Senders Obrestt.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this day of November , 1987. Of Pert Hainea

Chairman, Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. J. Robert Haines

TO Zoning Commissioner

December 3, 1987

Norman E. Gerber, AICP FROM Director of Planning and Zoning

Special Inspection Division

SUBJECT Zoning Petition No. 88-250-SPHA

This office is opposed to the granting of this request. We believe that the standards set forth in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations provide for ample signage. Further, the location of the building on the site particularly lends itself to wall signage on the York Road side of the structure. Finally, this billboard-like proposal is, in this office's opinion, in violation of the spirit and intent of the R.O. zone.

NEG:JCH:dme

cc: Ms. Shirley M. Hess, legal Assistant, People's Counsel

Zoning Commissioner of

Baltimore County

RE: Item No. 99 - Case No. 88-250-SPHA Petitioner: Lepczyk Family Trust Petition for Special Hearing and Zoning Variance

Dear Mr. Williams:

Department of Traffic Engineering

Bureau of Frevention

Health Department Project Planning Building Department

Board of Education

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State Roads Commissio

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above-referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing in this case. The Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

cc: Station Point 313 St. Dunstan's Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212



Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

RICHARD H. TRAINOR Secretary HAL KASSOFF Administrator

September 18, 1987

Re: ZAC Meeting of 9-22-87 ITEM: #99.

Property Owner: Lepczyk Family

Area: 0.022 acres District: 8th Election District

Mr. J. Robert Haines
Coning Commissioner
County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 21204

Att: Mr. James E. Dyer

Location: SE/C York Road, Route 45, and Talbott Road Existing Zoning: R.O. and D.R. Proposed Zoning: Variance to permit a free standing, double-faced sign of 48 square feet in lieu of a non-illuminated building mounted sign of 8 square feet in an R.O. zone, with illumination, and a Special Hearing to eliminate restriction No. 3 in zoning case 86-34-X

ZONING OFFICE

Dear Mr. Haines:

On review of the submittal for variance of a business sign, the submittal has been forwarded to the State Highway Administration Beautification Section, c/o Morris Stein (333-1642) for all comments relative to zoning.

Very truly yours Creston J. Mills, Jr. Acting Chief Bureau of Engineering Access Permits

CJM:GW:maw By: George Wittman cc: Mr. M. Stein (w-attachment)

My telephone number (s333-1350 Teletypewriter for impaired Hearing or Speech
383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5082 Statewice Toll Free
707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

TABLE 8 MINIMUM RESOLVABLE SNELLEN LETTER SIZE OF EYES WITH 20/20, 20/40, AND 20/GO VISUAL ACUITY AT DISTANCES BETWEEN 100 FEET AND 1/4 MILE

DISTANCE (Feet)	LETTER SIZE MINIMUM RESOLVABLE (Inches)		
	20/20	20/40	20/60
100	1.8	3.5	5.2
200	3.5	7.0	10.5
400	7.0	14.0	20.9
600	10.5	21.0	31.4
800	14.0	28.0	41.9
1000	17.5	35.0	52.4
1320	23.1	46.1	69.1

· Visual acuity is usually measured under optimal conditions in a doctor's office where the viewer is not required to attend to any other tasks. Two important influences, the fact of motion and the influence of color, are not taken into account in tables of normal visual acuity. This implies that letter sizes suggested by the statistics on visual acuity may not be adequate for a sign in the environment. One other factor needs to be considered: letters on a sign form words and words are more immediately recognizable than separate, unrelated letters. Words are easier for the brain the process than letters because they are meaningful chunks

Even if we assume normal visual acuity to be a constant factor, we still must make adjustment for changes in the sign and the angle of the sign in relation to traffic. Roughly speaking, one inch of letter size to twenty-five feet of viewing distance has been considered about average, No one would argue that the ratios given in Table 8, which describe viewing requirements in a doctor's office, can be directly applied to the motorist attending to the driving task and extracting visual information from a diverse visual environment. Table 8 figures are meant to show that there is not a universal norm for visual acuity and that sign size must be related to actual visual capacities of the sign viewing public at large,

Determining The Size Of A Sign



3 TALBOTT AVE SUBJECT SOOTH SIDE



Baltimore County Department of Public Works
Bureau of Traffic Engineering
Courts Building, Suite 405
Towson, Maryland 21204
494-3554

October 5, 1987

Meeting of September 22, 1987

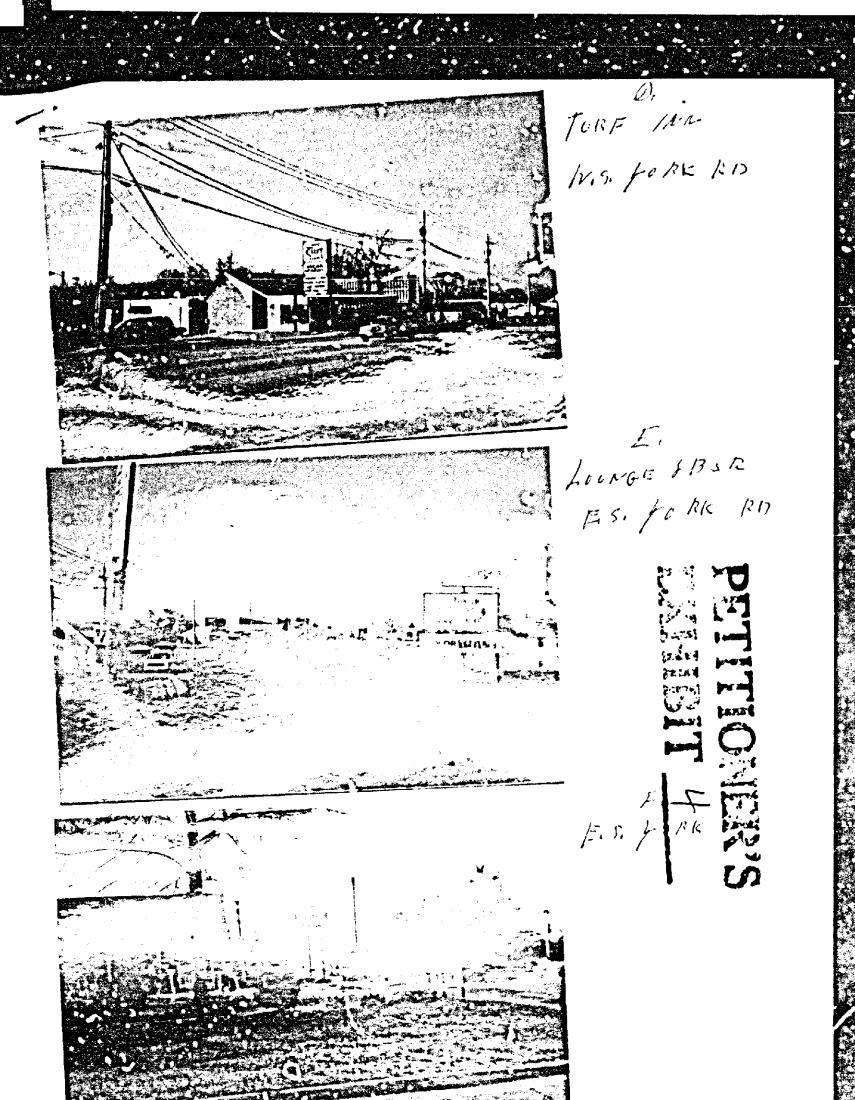
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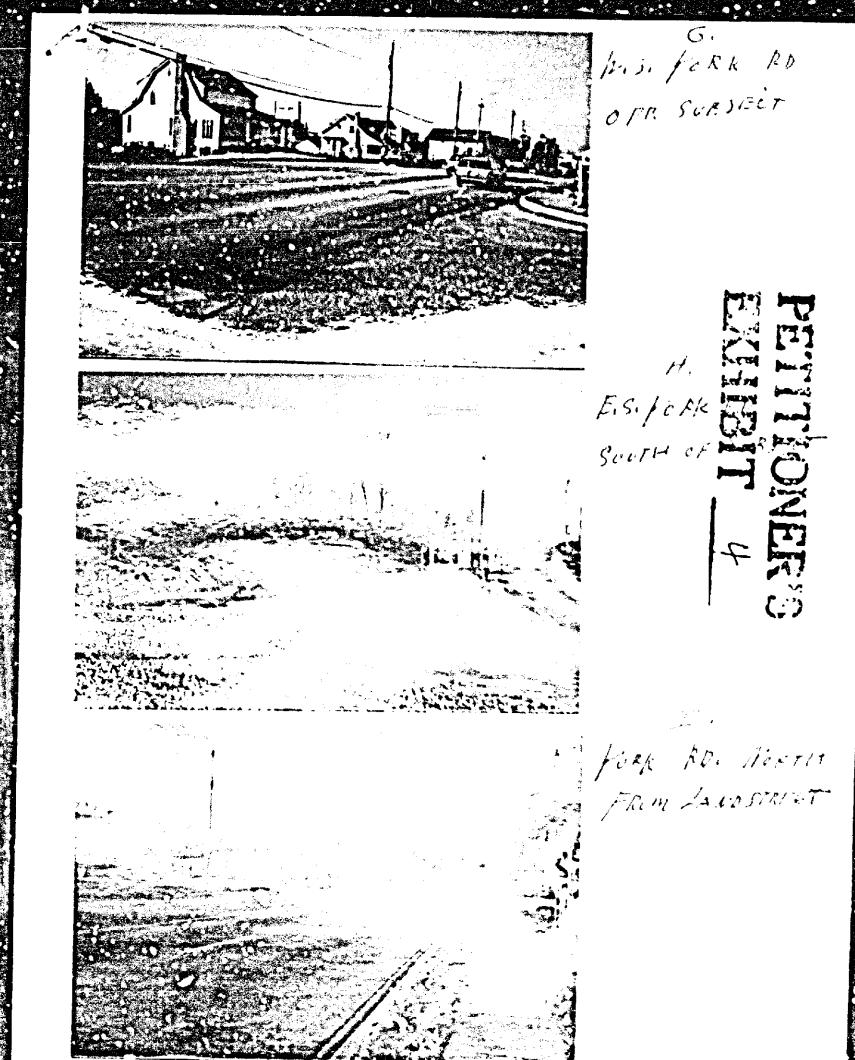
Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

The Bureau of Traffic Engineering has no comments for items number 96, 97, 98, 99 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, and 105.

Very truly yours,

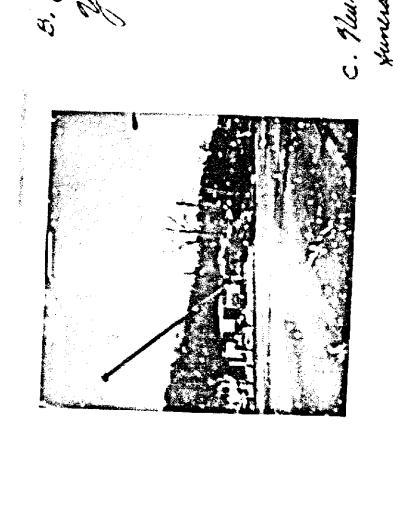
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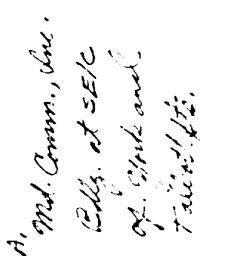








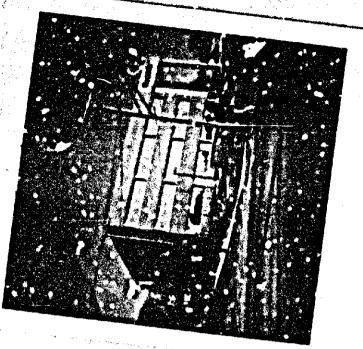






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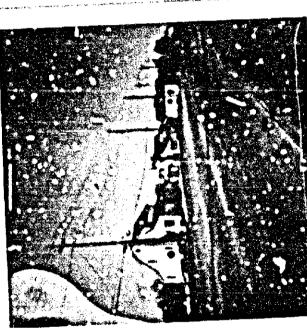


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